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Dear Dr.

By some unfortunate Accident, I  
don't get my News-Papers for above a Month after every  
body else, for example my latest Papers are of the 9<sup>th</sup>  
of Sept<sup>r</sup> & we have received Papers as late as the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of Oct<sup>r</sup>. This I fancy must be owing to their sending them  
to some Coffee House to forward by Ships, who never sail  
for a Month so soon as they say they will. Whereas it  
will be a much more safe & speedy method to divide them  
into three or four Parcels, & send them out by the  
Packet which sails from Falmouth. If therefore they are  
directed to be here & sent the first Wednesday in every  
Month to the Jun<sup>r</sup> Post Office, they will come both quicker  
& safer. Our Winter is now come on here, but I cannot  
say as yet I find it colder than in England. We have  
had little or no Snow, but a great deal of Rain, &  
violent Gales of Wind. However we luckily got into

Winter Quarters about a week ago, before it came on.  
Our Affairs here still continue in the same Posture;  
The Provincial Congress I paid out again yesterday, &  
I am informed they mean to proceed to the choice of a  
new Gov<sup>r</sup>. They have already raised an Army, seized  
the Publick Money, & have taken on themselves all  
the Powers of Government. I really begin now to think  
that it will come to Blows at last; for they are most  
amazingly encouraged by our having done nothing as yet.  
In short they have now got to such lengths that nothing  
can scare the Colonies to the Mother Country, but the  
Conquest of them. The People<sup>are</sup> are the most designing, artful  
Villains in the World. They have not the least Idea of  
either Religion or Morality. Nor have they the least scruple  
of taking the most solemn Oath or any other that can  
epitomize their Purpose, tho' they know the direct contrary  
can be clearly & evidently proved in half an hour.  
Of this we have had several Instances. May I beg you  
will be so kind as to send me out here the following

Books. The new Edition of Mackintosh's memoirs of Rufus—  
History of the War in America by Rankin— & Avis d'use  
here à un fils par la Marquise de Lambert—I need  
not make any excuses to you for giving you this trouble  
as I know you are always ready to assist your friends.  
I still continue to enjoy my health perfectly. The constant  
exercise which my Duty obliges me to take in visiting  
all the Out-Doors every other morning about day break  
together with the morning air, contributes not a little  
to keep me in Health. I forgot amongst the list of Books to  
desire you to send me les Mémoires de Mons. de  
Saunier. You will be so good as to send them off as  
soon as you get any off them as I mean them chiefly  
for my Winter's Amusement. Dear Dear Dr. make my  
Compl<sup>t</sup> agreeable to all your family & believe me to  
be

Yours sincere Friend

P. S. I have sent you enclosed  
a Picture upon the Ger<sup>t</sup> Congress

Percy.

To  
The Rev'd Dr. Percy